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She said,  
(watching as the rain drilled  
countless holes in the sand's hills)  
"The read of words tossed  
by poet's pens seem lost,"  
(All viewed:)  
"Of scourging violent scars  
-impermanence reviewed again.  
Can singing spring from wells  
on Grecian Dryad's green hills,  
aloft, aloof, adroit afoot  
-an arm, ahead, above?"  
She stared,  
As the dying throes of an ecstatic sun  
dipped its orange disc, glimmering,  
into the edge of an ocean dead.

(Black waves and grey sands  
that used to sing the songs of life  
in roaring slapped thunder,  
no longer sing, now long past crying.)  
She sighed,  
As salt purged rutted coursings  
down the stone of her vacant face.  
-sticky trails of nonemotion surge;  
past.  
(And tears can never fall  
from feeling eyes  
into the eyes above the smile.)

**Death of a Dolphin**  
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